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SUBJECT: FISHERY TEAMDISCUSSIONS WITH JAPANESE OFFICIALS

1. US TEAM MET WITH DELEGATION OF 16 GOJ OFFICIALS HEADED BY FUKADA, COUNCILLOR, NORTH AMERICAN DIV, MFA, AND MATSUURA, DIRECTOR, MARINE FISHERIES DIV, JFA, JULY 28, 1975, AND DISCUSSED RECENT US-USSR AGREEMENTS, US-POLAND AGREEMENT, STATUS OF U.S. 200-MILE FISHERY LEGISLATION, FORTHCOMING FUR SEAL NEGOTIATION, IWC RECOMMENDATIONS, CSFR LOBSTER VIOLATIONS BY JAPAN, ROK BLACKCOD FISHERY, 1975 BRISTOL BAY SALMON RUN, TAIWANESE FISHERY FOR SALMON, WAKATAKE MARU CRAB RESEARCH OFF ALASKA, AND POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT US-JAPAN GEAR CONFLICT CLAIMS BOARD.

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2. GOJ SHOWED SPECIAL INTEREST IN US-USSR AGREEMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN ARRANGEMENTS IN EASTERN BERING SEA. GOJ INDICATED IT WOULD STUDY AGREEMENTS AND RESERVE COMMENT ON US PRESENTATION OF CONTENTS USSR AND PLAND AGREEMENTS UNTIL TEAM

RETURNS FROM TAIWAN AUGUST 4. TEAM STATED IN US VIEW SOVIETS HAVE MADE MAJOR CONCESSIONS TO RESOLVE PROBLEM BUT RECOGNIZED EXISTENCE OF SOME DIFFERENCES FROM AGREEMENT CONCLUDED WITH JAPAN DUE TO DIFFERENCES IN FISHERY PATTERNS OF SOVIET FLEET.

3. GOJ EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST POSSIBLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON 200-MILE LEGISLATION. JAPANESE SIDE PRESENTED ROUTINE LEGAL ARGUMENTS THIS SUBJECT, BUT LATER TOOK PRAGMATIC APPROACH REGARDING IMPACT PROPOSED LEGISLATION WOULD HAVE ON LOS AND EXISTING AGREEMENTS. TEAM INDICATED THAT AGREEMENTS WOULD PROBABLY REMAIN IN FORCE, BUT SINCE FINAL VERSION OF LEGISLATION NOT YET KNOWN IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO MAKE FIRM STATEMENT. TEAM CAUTIONED GOJ REGARDING POSSIBLE REOPENING NORTH PACIFIC BILATERAL AGREEMENT FOR DISCUSSION SINCE THIS WOULD SERVE TO INCREASE FURTHER SUPPORT FOR ENACTMENT OF 200-MILE BILL.

4. REGARDING FUR SEALS TEAM EXPRESSED VIEW THAT USG POSITION APPARENTLY NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD AT MARCH 1975 DISCUSSIONS. USG IN PROCESS OF PREPARING EXPLANATION PAPER TO CLARIFY TERMINOLOGIES WHICH CREATED SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES IN MARCH MEETING. GOJ EXPRESSED SOME MISGIVINGS ON EARLIER USG PROPOSALS AND RAISED QUESTION AS TO CURRENT USG REACTION TO CONTINUING PRESENT CONVENTION. TEAM INDICATED USG SEEKING CHANGES SO THAT NEW AGREEMENT WILL REFLECT LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN US LAW ON MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION AND NO MAJOR CHANGE CONSIDERED IN SUBSTANCE OF EXISTING CONVENTION. ALTHOUGH NO FIRM CONCLUSIONS REACHED THIS SUBJECT, JAPAN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SEEING EXPLANATION PAPER ASAP.

5. TEAM ATTEMPTED TO IMPRESS GOJ ON IMPORTANCE SOME AFFIRMATIVE AND TIMELY ACTION REGARDING IWC QUOTA RECOMMENDATIONS. GOJ REPLIED THAT THEY DID NOT CONTEMPLATE OBJECTION, BUT INTERNAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS MADE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION VERY DIFFICULT. AT LUNCHEON, KAYA, COUNCILLOR OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BREAU, MFA, IDENTIFIED ONE PROBLEM AS SOVIET UNION. HE STATED GOJ HESITANT TO MAKE POSITIVE STATEMENT AT THIS TIME UNTIL UNCLASSIFIED

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SOVIET INTENTIONS CLEARLY KNOWN. HE STATED ALSO PM MIKI ON VISIT TO US MAY MAKE STATEMENT ON WHALES IMPLYING ACCEPTANCE BY GOJ OF IWC RECOMMENDATIONS AND INQUIRED WHETHER SUCH STATEMENT WOULD BE HELPFUL. TEAM REPLIED STATEMENT WOULD HELP BUT POSITIVE STATEMENT WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE.

6. GOJ ASKED FOR CURRENT DATA ON ANTICIPATED 1975 BRISTOL BAY SOCKEYE SALMON RUN. TEAM REPORTED THAT TOTAL RUN APPEARED TO BE IN ORDER OF 23-24 MILLION FISH. IT WAS AGREED TO DEFER SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION ON RUN SIZE AND OTHER FACTORS UNTIL INPFC MEETING WHEN SCIENTISTS WOULD REVIEW SITUATION.

7. REGARDING TAIWANESE FISHERY FOR SALMON TEAM STRESSED THAT TAIWANESE VESSEL CLEARLY COULD NOT HAVE LAUNCHED FISHERY WITHOUT

COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION OF CERTAIN ELEMENTS IN JAPANESE

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FISHERY. TEAM STRESSED EXTREME SENSITIVITY OF PROBLEM AND REQUESTED GOJ'S COOPERATION IN CONTROLLING ITS NATIONALS. GOJ FULLY AWARE OF PROBLEM'S SERIOUSNESS, EXPRESSED EMBARRASSMENT OVER INVOLVEMENT OF JAPANESE NATIONALS AND PROMISED TO DO ALL IT CAN WITHIN LIMITS OF ITS DOMESTIC LAWS TO PUNISH ITS NATIONALS INVOLVED IN INCIDENT. GOJ HAS ALREADY LAUNCHED FULL-SCALE INVESTIGATION.

8. ON PROBLEM OF LOBSTER VIOLATIONS GOJ PRESENTED LEGAL ARGUMENT ON CSFR AND CONTINENTAL SHELF CONVENTION. TEAM STATED THAT US LAW WAS BEING ENFORCED NONDISCRIMINATELY ON ALL VIOLATORS AND TEAM NOT PREPARED TO GO INTO LEGAL ARGUMENT. TEAM INDICATED IN ONE INSTANCE WHEN VIOLATION WAS NOT INTENTIONAL JAPANESE VESSEL WAS RELEASED WITH 10,000 DOLLARS CIVIL FINE. HOWEVER, IN CASES WHEN OBVIOUS ATTEMPTS MADE TO CIRCUMVENT LAW US HAS APPLIED HEAVY PENALTIES. GOJ INDICATED THAT JAPANESE FISHING INDUSTRY COULD NOT AGREE WITH USG POSITION

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IN VIEW OF LANGUAGE IN US-GOJ BILATERAL FISHERY AGREEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST ITS VESSELS AND NATIONALS SHOULD BE TAKEN BY GOJ, NOT USG.

9. TEAM ASSURED GOJ THAT ROK BLACKCOD FISHERY WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT FORTHCOMING MEETING IN SEOUL. SOME DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN SIDES REGARDING NUMBER OF ROK VESSELS INVOLVED IN FISHERY. GOJ INDICATED WOULD PROVIDE DATA ON NAMES AND NUMBERS OF VESSELS SIGHTED. TEAM INDICATED VISIT TO SEOUL WAS TO EXCHANGE PRELIMINARY VIEWS REGARDING FUTURE US-ROK ARRANGEMENTS AND THAT SUCH DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE CONTINUED DURING TIME OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL MEETINGS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED BETWEEN US AND ROK IN NOVEMBER, 1975

10. TEAM EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CLAIMS BOARD TYPE AGREEMENT SIMILAR TO US-USSR AND US-POLAND CLAIMS AGREEMENTS. GOJ INDICATED THAT NOW MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR GOVT TO BECOME INVOLVED AND WOULD GIVE US PROPOSAL SERIUS CONSIDERATION.

11. REGARDING GOJ R/V WAKATAKE MARU TEAM EXPRESSED VIEW COMMUNICATION PROBLEM RESULTED IN NON-NOTIFICATION OF USG OF RESEARCH CRUISE. GOJ INDICATED NOTIFICATION SENT EARLY MAY TO GOJ EMBASSY, BUT APPARENTLY NOT RECEIVED BY USG. BOTH SIDES AGREED TO TRY TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION REGARDING RESEARCH PLANS.

12. DISCUSSIONS CONDUCTED IN MOST FRIENDLY AND CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE. GOJ EXPRESSED DEEP APPRECIATION TO USG FOR SENDING TEAM. BOTH SIDES AGREED DISCUSSIONS WERE MOST PRODUCTIVE AND FURTHER AGREED THAT FUTURE EXCHANGES SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO KEEP EACH OTHER FULLY INFORMED ON FISHERY PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

13. TEAM SCHEDULED TO MEET VERY LARGE DELEGATION OF TOP-LEVEL JAPANESE INDUSTRY MEMBERS 1030 HRS 29 JULY, AS ARRANGED BY GOJ. FYI. MATSUURA, REQUESTED RAM BE AS FRANK AND OPEN AS POSSIBLE IN MEETING. INDUSTRY PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN RESULTS OF US-USSR FISHERY DISCUSSIONS, THEIR IMPACT ON JAPANESE FISHERIES, AND 200-MILE FISHERIES LEGISLATION. MEETING EXPECTED TO ASSIST IN TAKING OFF SOME OF CONSIDERABLE PRESSURES APPARENTLY BEING APPLIED ON GOJ BY INDUSTRY. END FYI. PRESS EXPECTED TO BE UNCLASSIFIED

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